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SUBJECT: KUWAIT WELCOMES HOME AMIR

1. HIS HIGHNESS THE AMIR OF KUWAIT, SHEIKH SABAH AL SALEM AL SABAH, RETURNED HOME MARCH 16 AFTER FOUR MONTHS AND FOUR DAYS IN ENGLAND. THE FIRST MONTH HAD BEEN HOLIDAY, BUT THE AMIR SUFFERED TWO HEART ATTACKS THERE IN DECEMBER 1976 AND WAS OBLIGED TO REMAIN IN ENGLAND TO RECOVER, SPENDING MOST OF THAT TIME AT HIS ESTATE OUTSIDE LONDON. FROM ALL REPORTS, THE AMIR HAS MADE A GOOD RECOVERY, BUT AS NOTED IN PREVIOUS REPORTING HIS HEALTH HAS NEVER BEEN VERY GOOD FOR YEARS.

2. THE GENERAL PUBLIC'S RESPONSE TO THE AMIR'S RETURN, MANIFESTED DURING THE AIRPORT RECEPTION AND THE DRIVE (TAKING THE LONG WAY HOME) TO HIS RESIDENCE IN THE KUWAIT CITY SUBURBS, SEEMED GENUINELY AFFECTIONATE AND SPONTANEOUSLY ENTHUSIASTIC. VERY LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE (SWELLED BY TRANSPORT OF STUDENTS TO AMIR'S ROUTE HOME) LINED THE ROADWAY. DURING A GOOD PART OF THE LONG DRIVE HOME, THE AMIR STOOD WITH THE TOP HALF OF HIS DIMINUTIVE TORSO PROJECTING FROM HIS LIMOUSINE'S SUN ROOF, WAVING HAPPILY AT THE CROWD. HE APPEARED AGAIN THE FOLLOWING EVENING AT A HOMECOMING CELEBRATION IN THE DESERT NEAR HIS RESIDENCE, FEATURING SINGERS AND DANCERS AND MANY SPECTATORS. THERE HE MADE A TEARFUL BUT DIGNIFIED SPEECH OF THANKS TO THE PARTICIPANTS, EMPHASIZING

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KUWAITI UNITY AND MUTUAL LOVE. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE AMIR PLANS TO BEGIN A FULL WORK SCHEDULE MARCH 19, AND THAT ON MARCH 20 HE IS TO CHAIR A ROUTINE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.
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